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Sayville, NY – On Veterans Day, Rep. Steve Israel (D-Huntington) honored veterans by participating in the Sayville Veterans Day ceremony hosted by the Sayville American Legion and Sayville Veterans of Foreign Wars.



Rep. Israel then toured renovations to the Sayville American Legion Post 651, which were made possible through a \$196,000 federal appropriation secured by Rep. Israel.

“On Veterans Day, Americans take time to recognize the contributions of the 23.2 million veterans who served our nation. We are eternally grateful for their service to our country,” said Rep. Israel. “We need to remember that our veterans need our support every single day. The Sayville American Legion offers services to the veterans community year round and I am proud to have secured federal funding so they can continue to support our Long Island veterans and service members.”

Rep. Israel spoke to an estimated 40 veterans and laid a wreath at the memorial statue in Sayville’s Sparrow Park. Following his remarks, Rep. Israel toured the Sayville American Legion Post 651, which is undergoing renovations funded by a \$196,000 federal appropriation secured by Rep. Israel.

Rep. Israel has been a leader on veterans’ issues in the United States Congress. He has introduced legislation (H.R.147) that would create a new source of funding for homeless veterans with a check-off option on federal tax forms. He successfully included \$500 million in

funding for homeless veterans programs in the FY2010 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act.

Rep. Israel serves on the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs.